

A RESOLUTION OF THE NATIVE VILLAGE OF [Name] AGREEING TO SUPPORT THE NATIVE VILLAGE OF TYONEK IN OPPOSING THE CHUITNA COAL MINE PROJECT AND SUPPORT TO TYONEK AND THEIR INITIATIVE TO STOP THE DEGRADATION OF THEIR ANCESTRAL SUBSISTENCE LANDS, WATERS & RESOURCES.

WHEREAS, members of the [name] have relied on the fish and game resources in the Cook Inlet watershed for their spiritual, cultural and subsistence well-being for thousands of years;

WHEREAS, the [Name] Tribe supports all cultural, traditional and subsistence activities historically and continually practiced by the Native Village of Tyonek (NVT).

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Tyonek formally opposes, through resolution adopted by NVT, the proposed Chuitna coal strip mine in Upper Cook Inlet;

WHEREAS, the Chuitna coal strip mine would be the first project in Alaska's history to permit strip mining through an active salmon spawning stream, setting a dangerous precedent for protecting subsistence resources in Cook Inlet and throughout the state;

WHEREAS, the [name] Tribe, finds no traditional ecological knowledge or scientific information showing the coal company can successfully re-create a wild, Alaskan salmon stream or restore the moose, bear and other habitat that will be lost with large-scale strip mining.

WHEREAS, the [name] Tribe is in complete support of the Native Village of Tyonek and its initiative to stop the degradation of their ancestral subsistence lands, waters and resources.

THEREFORE the [name] tribe formally opposes the Chuitna coal mine project in alliance with the Native Village of Tyonek.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the [name] supports the Native village of Tyonek and its initiative to stop the degradation of their ancestral subsistence lands.

ADOPTED this __ day of _____ 2011